

2009-10 Barbara Calef, President

Public Meetings included talks by

- State Sen. Peter Wirth, at the 2009 Annual Meeting, about legislation to support renewable energy;
- Emile Nakhleh, former Director of the Political Islam Strategic Analysis Program at the CIA;
- David Gutzler, UNM Professor of Meteorology and Climatology, about climate change and southwestern water resources.

Other meetings included:

- Forum on the LAPS and UNM-LA bond election;
- Legislative Preview with our state legislators as well as Sen. Peter Wirth, who explained how the state can increase revenue to achieve a balanced budget, and Kristina Fisher, who introduced Think New Mexico's initiative to reduce corruption in state government;
- Forum to gather public opinion about the new Charter review.

Lunch with a Leader hosted Monica Witt from the LANL Material Recycle Facility; Regina Wheeler, LAC Environmental Services Manager; Cathy Wilson, LANL environmental scientist, speaking about global water issues; LAPS Superintendent Gene Schmidt; Craig Martin, LAC Open Space Specialist, who reviewed the fire recovery effort following the 2000 Cerro Grande Fire; Angela "Spence" Pacheco, District Attorney for the First Judicial District; Felicia Orth, Hearing Officer for NMED; LAC Library Director Charlie Kalogeros-Chattan, speaking about the PATRIOT Act; and Tony Mortillaro, LAC Administrator.

The League also created the Elizabeth Best Memorial Fund to provide mini-grants to LAPS teachers and held a unit meeting to respond to the consensus questions for the state water study.

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Public Meetings included:

- Marcy Leavitt, Director of Water and Wastewater Management at NMED, speaking at the 2010 Annual Meeting;

- Forum on the structure of government as part of the Charter review process;
- Legislative Preview with our legislators as well as Santa Fe Rep. Brian Egolf, who talked about how to balance the budget; and Dick Mason of Health Action New Mexico, who explained the proposed health insurance exchange.

Lunch with a Leader hosted Cas Mason talking about the NNM Citizens' Advisory Board; PEEC President Chick Keller; Keven Todd, publisher of the Los Alamos Monitor; David Brooks, Los Alamos Community Service Coordinator; County Councilor Ralph Phelps; LWVNM Action Chair Dick Mason on health care reform; LA Cooperative Market Manager Steve Watts; LAPS Superintendent Gene Schmidt and Kelly Myers discussing the long-range planning report for the schools; and Magistrate Judge Pat Casados, who led a tour of the new Justice Center.

In preparation for the elections, the League held two primary forums, one for the judicial candidates and one for the other candidates; published the Voters Guide, which was distributed to all Los Alamos households; and held two forums prior to the General Election, one for Council candidates and proposed Charter amendments, and one for all other candidates. An additional forum was held in the winter for the candidates for school board and the UNM-LA Advisory Board.

The League also

- sought and obtained support from the County Council in asking the Water Quality Control Commission to extend the Outstanding Natural Resource Waters designation to waters in federal wilderness areas in the state. The Commission so ruled;
- endorsed PEEC's request that the County consider building or redesigning a nature center;
- held a unit meeting to discuss whether LWVNM should adopt the LWVSFC position on transparency by concurrence;
- reported on County activity regarding the new municipal building and possible changes to Trinity Drive;
- participated in the Sustainability Town Hall.